

Art Unit: 2482

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in reply to Applicant's Response dated December 18, 2011.
2. **Claims 6 and 8** have been cancelled.
3. **Claims 1-5, and 7** are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Independent **claim 1** recite "...the laser source being characterized in that the width of the illumination beam is in the range of 0.1 mrad to 0.4 mrad so that it produces an illumination spot that covers only a portion of said object having dimensions of up to several meters and located at a long range of above 10Km..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. All the pending dependent claims depend on claims 1. Therefore, all the pending claims are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HEE-YONG KIM whose telephone number is (571)270-3669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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